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1. An exhibition of synthetic compounds under the title of Synthetics in the New Course (Kunststoffe im Neuen Kurs) was held at Berolinahaus, Alexanderplatz, East Berlin, from 16 March to 12 April 1954.
2. The general impression created by the exhibition was that a colorful display obscured the technical deficiencies. A few "specialists" delivered some poor lectures during the course of the exhibition. For example, a complete novice, W. Mainardy of Plasta Kunstharz- und Pressmassefabrik, Erkner, spoke on the subject, "Glues made from Synthetic Resins". The exhibition was well attended by the general public but only a few experts attended.
3. The official pamphlet of the exhibition indicated that the following firms were the main exhibitors:

VEB Film - und Chemiefaserwerk Agfa, Wolfen.
VEB Chemische Werke Buna, Schkopau
VEB Eilenburger Celluloid-Werk
VEB Elektrochemisches Kombinat Bitterfeld
VEB Leuna-Werke Walter Ulbricht
VEB Plasta Kunstharz- und Pressmassefabrik, Erkner
VEB Plasta Kunstharz- und Pressmassefabrik, Espenhain.
VEB Stickstoffwerk, Piesteritz.
VEB Vulkanfiberfabrik, Werder
VEB Bremsbelag- und Presswerk, Coswig.

4. The following firms and institutions also took part in the exhibition:

VEB Carl Zeiss, Jena
VEB Elektroapparatewerk J.W. Stalin, Berlin-Treptow
VEB Mathias-Thesen-Werft, Wismar
VEB Waggonbau, Ammendorf

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